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Haja Folks,-

Here it is almost bed time - and I'm just getting around to my Sunday letter! - That will give you an idea of how busy I've been, lately! - I flew until six o'clock - so by the time I washed up, ate - relaxed awhile - and attended to some odds & ends around the room - it's ten o'clock! -

Been pretty busy this week. - Had two cross countries - one to Atlanta and one to Kansas! - Hardly seems like I get more than sleeping time here. - I leave my room early in the morning - and never see it again until bed time. Some times not then, when a long cross country comes up. -

Last week this time I had never ridden in a D.C.-3 (Airline plane) - we call it a C-47, iapt once - to go to Capri & back last spring - and ~~this~~ as of now! - Hell, - I've gotten



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the required amount of time in - shot enough landings - and am one of the few bonified "first pilots" of that type ship of all the pilots on the field. - Not bad, eh.? And today, I got my final check out as first pilot in an A-26! - It seems really strange to fly so many ships of so many different characteristics! - Some of 'em land faster than some of the others cruise! -

We had an interesting trip out to Kansas. - Cold & snowy along the way - but we were flying higher than the snow clouds so it didn't bother us. - Coming back was a perfect day - all the way - and by climbing to 10,000 ft - we had a 50 mph tail wind helping us along. - He made it each way ~~&~~ all in ~~a~~ non stop flight. - Thus going - and thanks to the wind - only 5 hrs. coming back. - I sure miss the speed of a B-26 when I'm flying some old slow

Our route to & from Kansas was: Savannah → Atlanta → Chattanooga → Nashville → Kansas City  
Cairo, Ill. → Springfield, Mo. - Henryetta, Okla. → SW of Kansas City

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Job like these C-47's! Saw Quite a few B-29s  
while out there in the west. - won't be too  
surprised if I start getting some "time" in  
those too, before too long. - The fortunes or  
misfortunes of a test pilot! - It's fun, tho'  
and I like it more & more.

Christmas is almost here - and I'm  
afraid I won't be able to make it to D.C.  
until afterwards. - I'll keep my eyes & ears  
open - and try to get anything going that  
way - even if it means just a few hours  
there. -

Savannah's society is swamping me  
with invitations for dances & teas, & buffet  
supper for the Christmas week. - Don't know  
how or why - but I'm sucker enough to find  
out! -

Am to be airborne officer again on the  
22nd. -

Will have to stop now - but I've run  
out of news anyway. - Hope Ma & Pst are both  
doing hand springs by now.

Lots of love,  
Frank

June was good to talk to ya last Sunday!